

Calendar

Monday, February 14

2:30 p.m. Particle Astrophysics Seminar - Curia II

Speaker: P-S. Corasaniti, Columbia University

Title: Recent Developments in the Quest for Dark Energy

3:30 p.m. DIRECTOR'S COFFEE

BREAK - 2nd Flr X-Over

4:00 p.m. All Experimenters' Meeting - Curia II

Special Topic: Superconducting Module Test Facility (SMTF)

Tuesday, February 15

12:00 p.m. Wellness Works - Brown Bag Seminar - Curia II

Speaker: J. Springsteen, Women's Osteoporosis Program of Kane County Health Department and Women's Health Coalition

Title: Building Better Bones

3:30 p.m. DIRECTOR'S COFFEE

BREAK - 2nd Flr X-Over

THERE WILL BE NO ACCELERATOR PHYSICS AND TECHNOLOGY SEMINAR TODAY

Weather



Chance Rain **49°/34°**

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Current Security Status

[Secon Level 3](#)

Wilson Hall Cafe

Fermilab Celebrates National Engineers Week 2/21 through 2/25



Last year's Engineers Week had a contest to develop a multi-step "Engineer's Way" to putt a golf ball. ([Click on image for larger version.](#))

The Fermilab Engineering Policy Committee announces that Fermilab will recognize National Engineers week February 21 through February 25 with a series of brown bag presentations and tours.

National Engineers week officially recognizes all engineers' contributions to society from all engineering disciplines. This week is specifically intended as a visible outreach to promote the engineering profession to students of all age groups across the nation. "This year Marge Bardeen of the Education Office will speak about the ways Fermilab engineers can get involved with the many programs that are available at the Lederman Center," said FESS' Vic Kuchler, Chair of the Engineering Policy Committee.

You can learn more about the week's activities around the nation and

Safety Tip of the Week

Speak Up, Again

Last week's Safety Tip discussed the process for delivering cautionary statements when something doesn't look quite right. This article provides personal perspectives from two of Fermilab's Senior Safety Officers.

Today Rich Ruthe is the SSO with the Technical Division. In 1990, before Ruthe joined

Fermilab, he was the Safety Manager for a chemical company.

Ruthe recalls a catastrophic incident from that time which could have been easily prevented through the sharing of precautionary information. The company had a confined space that used nitrogen to inert the atmosphere during a chemical reaction. Two weeks before the incident, Ruthe reviewed the entry procedures with the operator. Nonetheless, the operator stood by and said nothing while he observed a coworker enter the enclosure to retrieve a tool that had fallen inside. The coworker was pronounced dead at the scene. Plant employees were demoralized, OSHA conducted an extensive investigation, and the operator was ultimately fired.

Greg Mitchell is the SSO with FESS and BSS. Mitchell believes that many people

are hesitant to approach fellow employees because they do not want to



Rich Ruthe

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Wisconsin Cheese Soup
Corned Beef Reuben \$4.75
Chicken Provencale \$3.75
Shepherd's Pie \$3.75
BBQ Panini with Pepper Jack Cheese \$4.75
Meat Lovers Pizza \$2.75
Kung Pao Chicken with Peanuts & Scallions \$4.75

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[Wilson Hall Cafe Menu](#)

[Chez Leon](#) will be closed through January and February

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throughout the year on the [National Engineers Week Web site](#). Watch for more information on the Fermilab presentations and tours next week in *Fermilab Today*. The activities are designed to be of interest to all lab employees and not just engineers. "All Fermilab employees are encouraged to attend the talks each day at noon because they are not exclusively for engineers," Kuchler said. "I would also certainly welcome any and all participation in the planning of National Engineers week in 2006."

If you have ideas for possible activities or want to get involved with the planning of future engineering events, please e-mail e-week@fnal.gov. Stay tuned to the [Fermilab e-week Web site](#) for a complete agenda of activities.

Accelerator Update

February 9 - February 11

- During this 48 hour period, Operations provided approximately 21 hours and 30 minutes of luminosity to the experiments.
- Main Injector work continues

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[Read the Early Bird Report](#)

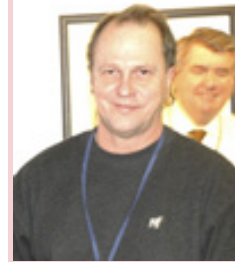
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In the News

From *Science Magazine*, February 11, 2005 Caught in the Squeeze

by Jeffrey Mervis

Many U.S. science agencies would have to make do with less under the president's 2006 budget request, which aims to cut the deficit, boost military and antiterrorism spending, and make tax cuts permanent.



Greg Mitchell

offend them or get them in trouble, when in reality they would be helping them. People may also hesitate because they are unsure about

specific safety

requirements. He believes, however, they should feel empowered to approach a worker if something doesn't seem right. Greg reiterates that the main point is to take responsibility for your safety and the safety of those around you.

Have a great day and let's work safely all week!

[Safety Tip of the Week Archive](#)

Announcements

Upcoming Classes

March 15 - Access 2000 Intro
March 16 - Excel 2000 Intro
March 22 - Access 2000 Intermediate
March 23 - Excel 2000 Intermediate
March 29 & 30 - Behavioral Interviewing (two consecutive half-days)
April 5 - Access 2000 Advanced
[more information](#)

Brown Bag Seminar on Tuesday

There will be a Brown Bag Seminar on Tuesday from noon to 1:00 p.m. in Curia II. Jody Springsteen, a nurse with the Kane County Health Department, will present "Building Better Bones."

URA Scholarship Applications Now Available Online

URA Scholarship Applications are available online. The deadline to apply is March 1. Scholarships will be awarded in early April. URA Scholarships are awarded on the basis of SAT scores to

President George W. Bush has proposed a flat budget for U.S. science next year. And the spinning has begun in earnest.

John Marburger, director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, calls it "a pretty good year" for research, given the Administration's priorities of fighting terrorism, defending the homeland, and reducing the federal deficit. He says that the proposed 1% decline in the \$61 billion federal science and technology budget for 2006--which excludes the Pentagon's even larger weapons development budget--would have been much worse but for the fact that "the president really cares about science."

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children of regular, full-time Fermilab employees. Questions about the program may be directed to Jeannelle Smith of Human Resources, x4367.

[more information](#)

Fermilab Arts Series

The Fermilab Arts Series presents the Festival of Four: A World of Music on a Single Stage on February 19 at 8:00 p.m. in Ramsey Auditorium.

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